

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend paragraph [0040] as follows:

[0040] Where a document has not been input to the user 100, the user 100 inputs the document in step 239 by optically scanning, downloading, or otherwise electronically inputting the document. In this embodiment, the user 100 preferably displays a request to the operator to input the document. With the document input, the user 100 proceeds to step [[41]] 241 where the document is sent to the ASP e-mail address for storage in the ASP as previously described.

Please amend paragraph [0048] as follows:

[0048] As mentioned above, according to a preferred embodiment, the user inputs an e-mail address as access information where a document is to be stored to the ASP as seen by decision block 339. Once it is determined that an e-mail address is included in the access information, the ASP e-mail server 320 receives the e-mail sent by the user 100 along with any document attachments attached to the e-mail as seen in step 339. The document is then stored in the ASP storage 330 as shown by step [[343]] 341. In a preferred embodiment, the ASP e-mail server 330 generates a confirmation message indicating that the document sent by the user 100 has been stored in the ASP. The confirmation message is sent in step 343.

Please amend paragraph [0049] as follows:

[0049] Thus, Figure 3 describes the operation of the ASP 300 in managing documents of the user 100. The ASP 300 provides the user 100 with the capability to access the web server 310 of the ASP 300 to execute a service request such as creating a folder, sending a document to the ASP 300, or retrieving a document from the ASP 300. In addition, the ASP 300 allows the user 100 to efficiently store documents to the ASP 300 by inputting an e-mail address where the document to be stored is sent for storage in the ASP 300. While figures 2 and 3 disclose direct interaction between the user 100 and ASP 300, [[In]] in an alternative

embodiment, the user 100 may be connected to a plurality of ASPs by way of a document manager which assists the user 100 in selecting a proper ASP and with other document consultation services. In addition, the document manager can provide access control, consolidated billing and other document management services for the user 100. A system which uses a document manager to connect users to ASPs is disclosed in U.S. Patent application serial number 09/684,965 and U.S. Patent application attorney docket number 202305US filed on April 23. Moreover, as is understood by one of ordinary skill in the art, the process of Figures 2 and 3 may be modified in a known manner without deviating from the teachings of the present invention. For example, the process steps related to using a user ID to verify access to an ASP may be substituted with process steps for using finger print recognition or retina recognition to verify user access.